

MEN, MONEY AND FOOD WANTS OF COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Sept. 11.—"The demand of the American government today is for men, money and food," declared Ralph P. Merritt, federal food commissioner for California, in addressing a meeting of the state council of defense here today.

"The most insistent, the most pressing demand is for food," Merritt continued, "food for our armies, our allies and ourselves. Without food we fail. With food we go forward to victory."

"The United States food administration has been created through the food control bill for this emergency. Its purposes are to stimulate production, to prevent waste and to stabilize prices."

"Under appointment by President Wilson Herbert Hoover has built an organization in Washington to solve the national problems of the food administration. At Mr. Hoover's request the president has also appointed a federal food commissioner in each state of the Union, through whom as far as possible, the authority and task of the food administration is decentralized into state control."

CHEMICAL ELEMENTS CAUSE OF COMBUSTION

(By Associated Press.)
BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 11.—When alfalfa hay burns up it is not always due to someone's carelessness with fire or someone's criminal act. That there is some other cause for alfalfa fires is the conclusion which has been reached by Professor C. A. Jacobson, chemist of the Nevada Experiment station, at Reno, Nevada.

To make his investigations of value to the farmers of California, Professor Jacobson has asked cooperation in learning the names of as many people as possible who have suffered losses by fire during the past twelve months. He will pay twenty-five cents to anyone who sends the name and address of any person who has lost 50 tons or more of hay by fire during the past twelve months, provided the case has not previously been reported to him.

BELGIANS AND GUARDS ESCAPE

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
PARIS, Aug. — According to a telegram from Havre where the Belgian government is temporarily located, about 150 Belgians have succeeded in crossing the frontier into Holland and freedom in a curious manner.

The German military authorities had decided to have certain trees cut down because they interfered with the view of the sentries placed along the barbed wire fencing and the cable which, charged with a strong electric current, to prevent persons from escaping from Belgian territory. One hundred and fifty inhabitants of Salze were requisitioned and ordered to work at cutting down the trees.

The improvised tree cutters succeeded in doing their work in such a way that several trees fell across the barbed wire and the electrified cable, and made a wide, safe opening. Then they proceeded to transfer themselves to Dutch territory, accompanied by their five German guardians, who had long grown tired of their duty and were only too pleased to desert, bag and baggage.

REDUCED PRICES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW SCALE WILL MAKE THE MINIMUM SEATS SELL FOR ONE DOLLAR

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.—President Johnson of the American league, said today that if Chicago wins the American league pennant, the plans for a reduction in seat prices for the world's series will be carried out.

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"The drastic powers of the law which backs Hoover's acts are not to be executed automatically. The food administration hopes to reflect the democratic, sane and mutual spirit of the American people. Through cooperation the food campaign is reaching the people, and the people are responding in our country as they have not responded in other countries even at the command of kings."

"To increase production the food administration has recognized that the farmer must receive a sufficient return to enable him to continue to produce. To restore industry to normal conditions and to enable our people to live at prices within reason the food administration has recognized that the farmer must receive a sufficient return to enable him to continue to produce. To restore industry to normal conditions and to enable our people to live at prices within reason the food administration has recognized that the farmer must receive a sufficient return to enable him to continue to produce."

"The great majority of business men of America are sincere patriots, and they are already aligning themselves with the food administration to cure the defects of the system of production."

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OFFICERS CRAZED BY WAR TRIALS

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PARIS, Aug. — A train of 201 French officers and men arrived in Lyons recently — prisoners repatriated from Germany. Of these, not fewer than 155 were out of their minds. Their reason had gone, probably under some terrific shell bombardment leaving them often without any bodily injury, incapable of any mental effort.

One, a typical example, was a second lieutenant, apparently 22 or 23 years old. He was a calm and quiet, but unable to reply to a question. On his tunic was pinned a card with the words "Picked up, without a wound, at —, 1914."

These unfortunates have been interned at Lyons, and their photographs are to be circulated throughout the country in the hope of identifying them, so that those who no doubt have long mourned them as lost forever, may perhaps be able to win them back from their living tombs.

It has been our observation that the woman who just can't stand the summer heat usually has a husband who has to.—Dallas News.

as far as the games played in the American park are concerned.
"The new scale will be simply this," said Mr. Johnson: "Seats will be just double in price over those prevailing during the playing season. Comiskey will have 7000 bleacher seats at fifty cents; 5000 pavilion seats at \$1; and the entire grandstand reserved seats for \$1.50. Box seats will cost \$5."

"If Chicago wins, I think there is little doubt that the series will begin Saturday, October 6, as that will enable us to get in a Sunday game in Chicago."

today. The power of the law is reserved for use against the unpatriotic minority, against the profiteer and the speculator of the country's need.

These contempters of the flag, these makers of the nation's blood into selfish gold, must learn their lesson. "Here in California we are working through every state and voluntary agency. We will build no organization for the pleasure of organizing. The people want results and we know we can obtain them through the splendid voluntary cooperation of the great body of patriotic men and women of California."

"Though food has become a federal problem it is no less a state problem. The state council of defense through its officers, committees and individual members, is rendering a great service to the food administration and therefore to the nation."

"In particular the women's executive committee of the state and national councils of defense has become also the conservation committee of the food administration in California. This committee has not only assumed large responsibilities, but it has already performed valuable services."

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RUSSIA TAKES STEPS TO CRUSH THE REVOLT

(By Associated Press.)

The Russian government again is facing a crisis but apparently with his usual "blood and iron" methods Premier Kerensky has taken rigorous steps to combat it and to punish severely those of the opposition elements who brought it about.

Succinctly, General Korniloff, commander in chief of the army, backed by a group of political agitators, has demanded for himself dictatorial powers by the surrender of the government into his hands. Kerensky refused to comply with the demand and has had incarcerated in the Petropavlovsk fortress M. Lyoff, member of the Duma, who acted as Korniloff's mediator and who under a severe examination has had wrong from him the details of the plot to overthrow the government and bring about a return of the despotic regime.

The names of the chief conspirators in the plot also have been ascertained and these men doubtless will receive punishment at the hands of the government.

As for Korniloff, he has been deposed from the chief command of the army while General Lokomsky has been pronounced a traitor for refusing to take up Korniloff's duties.

Meantime martial law has been declared in Petrograd and its environs and the government is taking measures to crush the revolts swiftly and decisively.

An indication that Kerensky and his followers have a good chance

of success is the fact that the Russian rear guards are giving strong battle to the advanced Teuton contingents.

In the Rumanian theater also the Russians and Rumanians again have assumed the offensive, delivering repeated attacks with large effectiveness against Teutonic allied position in the Tretus and Olutz valleys.

Around Monte San Gabriele, General Cadorna continues to hammer away at the Austrian positions. No claims to further progress on this sector are made by the Italian official communication but it is announced that attempts by the Austrians in counter attacks have been repulsed.

Northeast of Verdun the French troops have consolidated the positions taken from the German crown prince in the Fosses and Cuverlens woods and the Germans, doubtless because of their enormous losses, have ceased for the time being their violent counter attacks.

On the British front the British likewise have consolidated trenches captured Sunday southeast of Margicourt.

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